

commission that is referencing the Tax Equalization and Review Commission shall have jurisdiction over the revenue laws of the state, as provided by law. There was a concern in the Revenue Committee that this may give the Tax Equalization and Review Commission far more power and authority than they may...than may have been the intention. I think the language that is represented by the committee amendment, and that was crafted by Senator Kristensen, reflects much more closely his intentions and much more closely the opinions of the members of the Revenue Committee which certainly is indicated by what I remember to be a unanimous vote on LR 3CA, as amended. I think that this proposal now presents to the State of Nebraska a much better system for tax equalization and review of valuations and conflicts over valuations. It also provides to the body of the Legislature probably a little better control through the language that is reflected in several places as provided by law. There was some question in the old language in the Constitution that exists today over what authority the Legislature had. I do recommend that the body of the Legislature adopt this amendment and then go ahead and take positive action on LR 3CA, as amended. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Warner, followed by Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, comments are brief, but I would first thank Senator Kristensen for taking up the amendment, as Senator Coordsen, I was late also. But in defense, I assume we both thought Kris...that Senator Kristensen would do as equal, if not better, job. But I do want to support the amendment briefly for the reasons that's already been outlined, but I do think that the long-term, particularly in the area of equalization, the long-term benefit of this proposal will be significant and will end up with far greater equity in our property tax structure for the individual citizen than what perhaps sometimes could occur now based on some of the things that occurred in the past over a long number of years. So I just urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Wesely. Okay, Senator Kristensen or Warner, closing on the committee amendments.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Withem, I will close on the committee amendments with the approval of Senator Warner. But,